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AMENDMENT

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, Applicants' wish to amend the subject application as follows:

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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~Referring to Fig. 5, living hinge 22 is shown in more detail. Living hinge 22 is preferably one-piece with panel perimeter 30. Panel perimeter 30 is shaped to hold first and second covers 42, 44 of wall panel 14 a specified distance apart. An interior 46 of wall panel 14 is preferably filled with a curable polyurethane foam which adhesively connects first and second covers of wall panel 14 to panel perimeter 30. First and second covers are preferably of sheet metal, while panel perimeter 30 is of a material such as nylon reinforced plastic or other plastic which has low thermal conductivity but retains enough flexibility so that repeated uses of living hinge 22 does not cause cracking or breaking of hinge portion 26.~~

Please add on page 4, line 1, the following paragraph:

~~--As best illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 5, when the inner surface panels are placed in sealing contact against the collapsible seals and latched in place, the outer~~

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